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PALESTINE RESIDENT INDICTED ON METHAMPHETAMINE OFFENSE

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on December 6, 2006, **SCOTT R. DENNIS**, age 27, of Palestine, Illinois, was named in a single-count Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois, alleging conspiracy to manufacture more than fifty (50) grams of methamphetamine.

DENNIS faces a penalty of 5-40 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2,000,000, and a term of supervised release of at least 4 years.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Edgar County Sheriff's Department, the Robinson, Illinois, Police Department, and others. In addition, the Crawford County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.